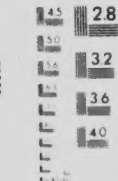
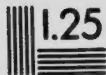


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OTTAWA, February 19, 1913.

WM. HIMSWORTH, Esq.,
Acting Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue.

SIR,—I beg to send you herewith a report upon eighty (80) samples of Bottled Pickles, purchased by the inspectors of this Department in April and May of last year. The last report upon Pickles was published as Bulletin No. 163, in September, 1908.

Pickles are, as a rule, very carefully prepared, and we have no reason to believe that any ground for complaint exists in their regard.

Mouldiness was found in four samples of the present collection. This is not, apparently, due to the use of imperfect fruit or vegetables in their preparation, but rather to the employment of too weak a vinegar; vinegar containing $2\frac{1}{2}$ p. c. of Acetic Acid, or more, appears to be best suited to use in bottled Pickles, so far as our experience goes.

Fourteen samples give evidence of the employment of Acetic Acid having its origin in a distillation process—in their manufacture. The vinegar in admixture with which the pickles are sold, must meet the standards legalized for vinegar under the Adulteration Act.

Sixteen samples exhibit traces of Alum, but only one sample contains any notable amount. Alum is extensively used for the purpose of keeping the vegetables hard and firm. It has not been established that the minute quantities of Alum necessary for this purpose are, in any degree, harmful to human health. This may be due to the fact that Pickles are consumed in small quantity only, and as a condiment rather than for food purposes.

It is probable that sound vegetables can be kept in a desirable state of firmness by the use of Vinegar only, provided that the Vinegar is sufficiently strong.

I beg to recommend publication of this report as Bulletin No. 249.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. MCGILL,
Chief Analyst.

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				Quantity.	Cents.	Manufacturer.	Furnisher.

DISTRICT OF NOVA SCOTIA—							
1912.							
April 25	Bottled Pickles.	47056	Wm. Moore, Halifax, N.S.	3 bots.	60	White & Co., London, Eng.	Maconochie Bros., London, Eng.
" 26	"	47057	John Tobin & Co., Halifax, N.S.	"	60	Heintz & Co., Leamington, Ont.	Manufacturers....
" 26	"	47058	Wentzells, Ltd., Halifax, N.S.	"	75	Maconochie Bros., London, Eng.	"
" 26	"	47059	A. & W. Smith & Co., Halifax, N.S.	"	35	Lea's, Ltd., Simcoe, Ont.	"
" 26	"	47060	The Moulton Tracey Mfg. Co., Halifax, N.S.	"	35	Vendors.....	"

DISTRICT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—							
May 21	Bottled Pickles.	46211	Stewart & Son, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	3 bots.	90	Cross & Blackwell, Soho, London.	
" 21	"	46212	Beer & Goff, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	"	66	Chas. Heaton & Co., West Ferry Road, London, Eng.	
" 21	"	46213	B. F. Maddigan & Co., Charlottetown, P.E.I.	"	60	Matthews, London, Eng.	
" 21	"	46214	John McKenna, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	"	36	Jno. Stephens, Sons & Co., Gloucester, Eng.	
" 21	"	46215	J. P. Duffy, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	"	60	White & Co., London, Eng.	

DISTRICT OF NEW BRUNSWICK—							
April 15	Bottled Pickles.	45650	W. A. Fairweather Co., Ltd., St. John, N.B.	3 bots.	45	Vendors.....	
May 12	"	45651	Yersa Grocery Co., Fredericton, N.B.	"	57		A. T. Randolph & Son, Fredericton
April 26	"	45652	F. E. Rose, St. Stephen, N.B.	"	75	Lea Pickling & P. Co., Ltd., Simcoe, Ont.	
May 6	"	45653	Geo. T. Baird Co., Ltd., Perth, N.B.	"	54	Jno. Stevens & Co., Ltd., Gloucester, Eng.	
" 10	"	45654	Barkers, Ltd., Moncton, N.B.	"	30	Rowat & Co., Glasgow.	

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC—							
April 24	Bottled Pickles.	37428	Emile Emond, 32 Rue Laliberte, Quebec.	3 bots.	45	Lytle, Toronto.	J. B. Reneaud & Cie.
" 25	"	37429	Jos. Boutin, 40 Rue de L. Eglise, Quebec.	"	30	Rowat & Co., Glasgow.	Bedard et Frere...
" 25	"	37430	Narcisse Lamontagne, 143 Rue Fleury, Quebec.	"	54	Lytle, Toronto.	J. B. Reneaud et Cie.
" 25	"	37431	J. E. Marand, 406 Rue St. Valier, Quebec.	"	45	"	"
" 25	"	37432	J. F. Goshin, 50 Rue D'Orchester, Quebec.	"	54	Imperial Pickles, Glasgow.	Barbeau & Godbout.

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	Soundness of Vegetables	Alum.	Acetic Acid $C_2H_4O_2$ %	Formic Acid.		

R. J. WAUGH, INSPECTOR.

			p. c.			
Sold as mixed.....	Sound and Firm..	None....	3.61	Trace....	47056	
"	"	"	2.96	None....	47057	
"	"	"	4.75	"	47058	
Sold as sour.....	"	Light trace.	2.46	0.023% present.	47059	Acetic Acid used.
Picadilli	"	None....	1.83	None....	47060	

WM. A. WEEKS, INSPECTOR.

.....	Sound and Firm..	None....	3.42	0.042% present.	46211	Acetic Acid used.
.....	"	"	2.82	0.020% present.	46212	"
.....	"	"	2.46	None....	46213	
.....	"	"	3.10	"	46214	
.....	"	Light trace.	4.17	0.037% present.	46215	Acetic Acid used.

J. C. FERGUSON, INSPECTOR.

.....	Sound and Firm..	None....	1.49	None....	45650	
Heaton's Pickles....	"	"	3.43	0.019% present.	45651	Acetic Acid used.
.....	"	"	1.50	None....	45652	
.....	"	"	2.76	0.018% present.	45653	Acetic Acid used.
.....	"	"	1.60	None....	45654	

F. X. W. E. BELAND, INSPECTOR.

.....	Sound and Firm..	None....	1.86	None....	37428	
.....	"	"	3.14	"	37429	
.....	"	"	2.22	"	37430	
.....	"	Light trace.	2.42	"	37431	
.....	"	Heavy trace.	3.19	"	37432	Alum used.

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DISTRICT OF ST. HYACINTHE							
1912.							
April 17	Bottled Pickles.	38987	Hector Cyr, Granby.	3 jars.	39	Rowat & Co., Glasgow and Liverpool.	
" 3	"	38988	Fred J. Terrill, Mel-bourne.	3 "	75	The T. A. Lytle Co., Toronto.	
May 1	"	38989	A. Cardin, Actonvale.	3 "	45	Maconochie Bros., Ltd., London, Eng.	
" 3	"	38990	G. Girouard, Victoria-ville.	3 "	45	H. J. Heintz Co.	
" 6	"	38991	H. Messier, St. Hyacinthe.	3 "	30	Bastian Pickle Co., Montreal.	

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL							
April 17	Bottled Pickles.	39995	R. Jacobson, 312 St. Dominique st., Montreal.	3 bots	30	Bastian Pickle Works	
" 17	"	39996	Aubin & Co., St. Lawrence mkt., Montreal	3 "	40	H. Bourque & Son, Montreal.	
" 19	"	39997	S. L. Desaulniers, 137 N. D. st. west, Montreal.	3 "	75	Taylor & Pringle Co., Ltd., Owen Sound.	
" 19	"	39998	"	3 "	30	L. Lemeteys, Montreal.	
" 19	"	39999	J. T. Tracey, 137 McGill st., Montreal.	3 "	75	S. Chivers & Co., Ltd., Cardiff.	

DISTRICT OF OTTAWA							
April 25	Bottled Pickles.	51605	F. H. Gilchrist, Ottawa.	3 bots.	30	Canadian Pickling Co., Toronto.	T. A. Lytle Co., Toronto.
" 25	"	51607	F. A. Reade, Ottawa.	3 "	30	Rowat & Co., Glasgow.	F. J. Castle Co., Ottawa.
" 25	"	51608	H. Richardson, Ottawa	3 "	75	C. & E. Morton, England.	Unknown
" 25	"	51609	J. H. Lacasse, Ottawa.	3 "	30	Purnell & Panter, Bristol, Eng.	Jos. Grant, Ottawa.
" 25	"	51610	W. A. Ferris, Ottawa	3 "	75	Jno. Stephens, Son & Co., Ltd., Gloucester, Eng.	F. J. Castle Co., Ottawa.

DISTRICT OF KINGSTON							
April 15	Bottled Pickles.	49565	Albert Powers, Picton.	3 bots.	30	Wm. Davies, Toronto	
" 16	"	49566	Hooey & Sons, Cobourg.	3 "	45	Lee's, Simcoe.	
" 16	"	49567	John Curtis, Port Hope	3 "	30	C. Gildner & Co., Toronto.	
" 17	"	49568	J. R. Bell, Peterboro.	3 "	30	Stephens, Gloucester, Eng.	
" 17	"	49569	Dutton & Co., Peterboro.	3 "	54	T. A. Lytle Co., Toronto.	

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	Soundness of Vegetables.	Alum.	Acetic Acid $C_2H_3O_2$ %	Formic Acid.		

J. C. ROULEAU, INSPECTOR.

			p.c.			
.....	Sound and Firm..	Light trace.	2.73	None	38987	
.....	" ..	None	1.40	"	38988	
.....	" ..	"	2.60	"	38989	
.....	" ..	"	1.40	"	38990	
.....	Mouldy	Light trace.	0.21	"	38991	Very low acidity. Mouldy

J. J. COSTIGAN, INSPECTOR.

"Maple Leaf"	Mouldy	None	0.51	None	39995	Very low acidity. Mouldy.
.....	Sound and Firm..	"	2.40	"	39996	
.....	" ..	Light trace.	3.11	"	39997	
.....	" ..	None	2.92	"	39998	
.....	" ..	"	3.61	"	39999	

J. A. RICKEY, INSPECTOR.

.....	Sound and Fir.	None	1.76	None	51606	
.....	" ..	"	3.80	"	51607	
.....	" ..	"	3.72	"	51608	
.....	" ..	"	2.69	"	51609	
.....	" ..	Light trace.	3.02	0.014% present.	51610	Acetic acid used.

JAS. HOGAN, INSPECTOR.

.....	Sound and Firm..	None	2.13	None	49565	
.....	" ..	"	2.82	0.011% present.	49566	Acetic acid used.
.....	" ..	"	3.00	None	49567	
.....	" ..	Light trace.	3.00	0.017% present.	49568	Acetic acid used.
.....	" ..	None		None	49569	

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DISTRICT OF TORONTO—

1912.							
April 18	Bottled Pickles.	49392	C. Gildner & Co., 180 Front St. East, Toronto.	3 bots.	23	Vendors.	
" 18	"	49393	M. R. Yost & Son, 108 Portland St., Toronto	3 "	20	"	
" 30	Bulk Sweet Pickles.	49394	Wm. Davies Co., Ltd., 102 Queen St. East, Toronto.	3 pts.	45	"	
May 1	"	49395	Jas. Lawrie, Wellington St., Hamilton.	3 "	45		H. J. Heinz & Co., Toronto.
" 2	Bottled Sweet Pickles.	49396	W. J. Whitfield, Main St., East Toronto.	3 bots.	60		Unknown.

DISTRICT OF LONDON—

May 7	Bottled Pickles.	48256	W. R. Butcher, St. Mary's.	3 bots.	45	Lea Pickling Co., Simcoe.	
" 7	"	48258	M. Fleming, St. Marys.	3 "	35	Stephens, London, Eng.	
" 8	"	48264	Stuebing & Son, Berlin.	3 "	45	T. A. Lytle Co., Toronto.	

DISTRICT OF WINDSOR—

May 2	Bottled Pickles.	48236	F. McDougall, Ingersoll.	3 bots.	45	Heinz, Leamington.	
" 2	"	48238	Geo. G. Beek, Ingersoll.	3 "	65	Lea Pickling & Preserving Co., Simcoe.	
" 2	"	48239	C. A. O'Neil Estate, Ingersoll.	3 "	60	T. A. Lytle Co., Toronto.	
" 3	"	48245	Poole & Co., Woodstock.	3 "	75	Crosse & Blackwell, London, Eng.	
" 3	"	48249	A. M. Smith & Son, Woodstock.	3 "	30	Rowat & Co., Glasgow.	
" 8	"	48266	Schell Bros., Berlin.	3 "	30	G. E. Steggall, Streetsville.	
" 8	"	48268	Betzner & Co., Berlin.	3 "	75	Maconochie Bros., London, Eng.	

DISTRICT OF MANITOBA—

April 16	Bottled Pickles.	48641	St. James Cash Grocery, St. James, M.	3 bots.	60	The Dyson Co., Winnipeg.	
" 16	"	48642	" " " "	3 "	75	" " " "	
" 16	"	48643	Duncan & Hunter, St. James, M.	3 "	75	The Blackwood, Ltd., Winnipeg.	
" 16	"	48644	" " " "	3 "	75	The White Star Mfg. Co., Winnipeg.	
" 17	"	48645	J. Paterson, Portage Ave., Winnipeg.	3 "	75	" " " "	

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H. J. DAGER, INSPECTOR.

			p. c.			
Standard "Brand" ..	Sound and Firm ..	Trace ..	1.62	None	49392	
" " ..	" ..	None	3.00	"	49393	
" " ..	" ..	"	1.58	"	49394	
" " ..	" ..	"	3.00	"	49395	
"Queen Quality" ..	" ..	"	2.72	"	49396	

JNO. TALBOT, ACTING INSPECTOR.

Lea's Celebrated Pickles.	Sound and Firm ..	Light trace.	2.34	None	48256	
Stephen's New Pickles.	" ..	None	3.21	"	48258	
Labelled "Sweet Midgetts," "Sterling" Brand.	" ..	Trace	2.00	"	48264	

JNO. TALBOT, INSPECTOR.

Heinz Sweet Mixed Pickles.	Sound and Firm ..	None	2.95	None	48236	
Lea's Celebrated Pickles, sour, mixed	" ..	"	2.16	"	48238	
Sterling Brand Sweet Mixed Pickles.	" ..	Light trace.	1.52	"	48239	
Mixed Pickles	" ..	None	3.36	"	28245	
Rowat's Superior Pickles.	" ..	"	3.12	"	48249	
English John Bull Pickles.	" ..	"	2.24	"	48266	
Maconochie's Fruit Pickles.	" ..	"	4.16	0.029% present.	48268	Acetic Acid used.

A. C. LARIVIERE, INSPECTOR.

East India Relish ..	Sound and Firm ..	Trace	3.68	None	48641	
Sweet Mixed Pickles.	" ..	None	2.88	"	48642	
Blackwood's Onion Pickles.	" ..	"	5.39	"	48643	
Sweet Mixed Pickles	" ..	"	2.79	"	48644	
" " ..	" ..	"	2.00	"	48645	

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R. W. FLETCHER, INSPECTOR.

	Sound and Firm.	Light trace.	p. c.			
.....	Sound and Firm.	Light trace.	1.64	None	44160	
.....	" ..	" ..	2.96	" ..	44161	
.....	" ..	None	2.47	" ..	44162	
Put up for Hudson Bay Co.	" ..	" ..	3.38	0.021% present.	44163	Acetic acid used,
Pearl Onions.....	" ..	" ..	2.31	0.023% present.	44164	"

THOS. PARKER, INSPECTOR.

	Sound and Firm..	None	p. c.			
.....	Sound and Firm..	None	4.27	None	49643	
.....	" ..	" ..	2.88	Trace	49647	
.....	" ..	" ..	3.17	" ..	49648	
.....	" ..	" ..	1.10	None	49652	
.....	" ..	" ..	3.24	" ..	49653	

J. F. POWER, INSPECTOR.

	Sound and Firm..	None	p. c.			
Mixed pickles.	Sound and Firm..	None	3.12	0.038% present.	38341	Acetic acid used.
Lipton's choice mix- ed.	" ..	" ..	3.66	Trace	38342	
Rowat's superior pic- kles in pure vinegar.	" ..	" ..	3.60	" ..	38343	
Guaranteed to be ab- solutely pure and not injurious.	Mouldy on top....	Light trace.	1.64	None	38344	Mouldy.
Mixed pickles.	Sound and Firm..	None	3.20	" ..	38345	

D. O'SULLIVAN, INSPECTOR.

	Mouldy	None	p. c.			
Sweet pickles.	Mouldy	None	1.04	0.020% present.	49140	Acetic acid used.
Mixed pickles.	Sound and Firm..	" ..	3.02	None	49141	Mouldy.
"	" ..	" ..	4.11	" ..	49142	
Heinz's sour mixed pickles.	" ..	" ..	3.84	" ..	49143	
Morton's sweet mix- ed pickles.	" ..	" ..	2.64	" ..	49144	